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Tom Wheeler  
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RE: MB Docket No. 14-57

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to express my support for Comcast and the proposed transaction between the company and Time Warner Cable. I joined Open Meadow Schools in 1995 and currently serve as executive director of this outstanding educational institution. Comcast is one of our strongest partners.

The problems in public education today are overwhelming. Since 1971, Open Meadow has provided an alternative for children who are struggling in public schools. We are a nonprofit, accredited educational institution for middle and high school students.

Many of our students dropped out of public school. Many struggled with attendance, academic, or disciplinary issues. We believe that all of them deserve a quality education.

At Open Meadow, students find

- \* small community-learning environments
- \* respectful, caring, and dedicated teachers
- \* support to overcome previous barriers to success
- \* classes that accommodate a variety of learning styles and skill levels

Comcast was the inaugural partner for our Step Up program, a tutoring and mentoring program for students at three local public high schools who are at very high risk of dropping out. Step Up also provides leadership training and summer enrichment programs.

Words are not sufficient to express the extent of my gratitude for Comcast's unending support for our programs. For our low-income students, education is the only way they can achieve economic self-sufficiency. Our public schools are overwhelmed. Open Meadow is doing all that it can to help these students, but without sponsors like Comcast, we will not be able to expand our services to meet the growing need.

Comcast is a community partner that can benefit other nonprofits in a similar fashion. If the company is able to move into the territory now served by Time Warner Cable, I am certain that the company's philanthropy will be extended, too.

Andrew Mason  
Executive Director